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Modifications to the Program to Control Karnal Bunt NOM-001-FITO-2001

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Report Highlights:

On February 8, 2002, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food. (SAGARPA) published the final NOM-001-FITO-2001, establishing modifications to the current program to control Karnal Bunt.

Introduction: This report summarizes a final rule published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 8, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: Overall, the objective of this final regulation is to amend the previous publication of August 18, 2000. Specifically, this modification cancels the sodium hypoclorite chemical treatment requirement for vehicles, agricultural machinery and implements. Additionally, it abolishes the requirement that all wheat shipments coming from free disease areas must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate.

It is important to note that this modification was published without the usual comment period to which such modifications are normally subject. Nevertheless, Post does not foresee any trade impact on US wheat exports.

Other changes include the establishment of:

, Quarantined Areas: The State of Sinaloa, in its entire extension. Alamos, Cajeme,

Bacum, Benito Juarez, Empalme, Etchojoa, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Huatabampo, Navojoa, Pitiquito, Quiriego, Rosario y San Igancio

Rio Muerto counties in the State of Sonora.

, Pest Free Areas: The entire State of Baja California, San Luis Rio Colorado from

the State of Sonora. The States of Guanajuato, Jalisco, Michoacan

and Queretaro.

, Verification Points: Seven domestic verification points. "La Primavera" in Zapopan,

Jalisco, Maravatio and Lazaro Cardenas in Michoacan, Palmillas in

Queretaro, Santa Ana Pacueco and Santa Rosa Jauregui in

Guanajuato and, San Luis Rio Colorado in Sonora.

Title: Mexican Official Norm NOM-001-FITO-2001. "Which establishes the Program to control Karnal Bunt"

Type of Regulation: Final

Background: This regulation is a modification of a final regulation published in August 18, 2000.

Important Dates

Publication Date: February 8, 2002
 Effective Date: February 9, 2002

Products Affected: All wheat products and by-products

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food. (SAGARPA)

Other Regulations Involved: To apply this regulation the following official regulations should be considered.

- * NOM-022-FITO-1995,. Notice for implementation and certification of individuals and companies interested in getting registered to provide phytosanitary treatment to vegetables, vegetables' products and by-products for importation, exportation or movement. Published on January 2, 1997.
- * NOM-069-FITO-1995, "Establishment and certification of areas free of pests." Published on November 18, 1998.
- * NOM-008-SCFI-1993, "General system of Unit Measures" published on October 14, 1993

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